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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OAS
SUBJECT: CHILE TO BID FOR NEXT SESSION OF OASGA

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH FONMIN CARVAJAL MAY 29 (SEPTELS), CARVAJAL RECALLED THAT NEXT SESSION OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN APRIL 1976, HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON SINCE NO OAS MEMBER HAD ASKED TO HOST IT. APPARENTLY SUCH A REQUEST MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME UP TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

2. CARVAJAL STATED THAT HE HAD CLEARED WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET THE IDEA OF HOLDING THE 1976 OASGA IN SANTIAGO. HE NOTED THAT GOC CONFERENCE FACILITIES (IN NEW DIEGO PORTALES BUILDING) ARE FAR BETTER THAN THOSE AVAILABLE TO OAS IN WASHINGTON. CARVAJAL SEEMED TO THINK THAT, BARRING SOME UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENT, CHILEANS WOULD SOON BEGIN INFORMALLY TO SEEK REACTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, BEFORE FIRMING UP THEIR PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE THAT MEXICO AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE JUNTA WOULD HAVE OBJECTIONS TO SANTIAGO, AND MUCH MAY DEPEND ON PROGRESS CHILEANS MAKE IN IMPROVING THEIR IMAGE IN THE HEMISPHERE. FROM EMBASSY STANDPOINT, THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO REASON WHY USG COULD NOT AGREE TO HOLDING OASGA IN SANTIAGO, IF AND WHEN
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WE ARE ASKED. IF DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER THOUGHTS, WOULD
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